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PRESS RELEASE

More than 200 students find jobs through US supported job fair

South East European University (SEEU) Hosts Second Annual Career Development Fair and Conference

Many organizations from the private, public and nongovernmental sectors in Macedonia have offered full or part time jobs or internships to more than 200 students who were among the thousands who participated in a two-day Career Development Fair and Conference at South East European University during the first week of June. Some 62 organizations took part in the event, which was supported by the American people through the United States Agency for International (USAID). USAID is part of the US Mission in Macedonia.

"Career Fairs link today's most talented young professionals with Macedonia's growing business sector," said C. Randall Powell, Ph.D. Dr. Powell is a prominent specialist in international career center development, and was invited to SEEU to lend his expertise to the Career Center. In addition to assisting with the Career Development Fair and presenting at the Career Development Conference, Powell will also be developing a state of the art web-based job search engine for the university.

The Second Annual Career Development Fair is one of many activities coordinated by the SEEU Career Center. The South East European University Career Center provides services and programs designed to help students through the career development process. The process encourages students to gain self-knowledge while exploring career options, developing skills and planning for their future.

NOTES TO EDITORS:

USAID has invested over \$450 million in Macedonia since 1993. Over 20 projects worth more than \$30 million a year are currently being implemented. These projects are supporting Macedonia's transition to a free market-based, multi-ethnic democracy and are designed to accelerate economic growth, develop democratic institutions, and educate citizens for a competitive economy. To see more about what USAID is doing in Macedonia, please visit <http://macedonia.usaid.gov>

USAID's South East European University Higher Education Linkage Program concentrates its activities on a number of key areas which include: undergraduate programs, staff training and upgrading, improving instructor's English language capacity, use of technology in the classroom and developing cross-cutting programs that strengthen and reinforce individual faculty programs. SEEU has created a number of centers with the assistance of Indiana University (IU) and the HELP project to achieve the outcomes stated above. These centers include the Instructional Support Center, the Business Development Center and the Career Services Center. Each of these centers is staffed by a full-time SEEU director who works closely with HELP project staff.